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SUBJECT: JAMAICAN CONCERN OVER TRADE BILL AND EBERLE

INTERVIEW IN WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS

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1. DAILY GLEANER DEC 5 CARRIES EDITORIAL TITLED "RETALIATION" WHICH DECRIES EBERLE INTERVIEW AS INTEMPERATE STATEMENT WHICH DESTROYS GOOD WILL. "WE DOUBT THAT STATEMENTS SUCH AS THESE WILL MAKE FRIENDS FOR THE UNITED STATES. WHETHER THIS IS THE INTENTION OF THE FORD ADMINISTRATION OR NOT, THE POSSIBILITY THAT USCH ACTION (RETALIATION) IS CONTEMPLATED LEAVES A BAD TASTE IN EVERYBODY'S MOUTH". EDITORIAL DENIES JAMAICA INCREASED BAUXITE LEVY "IN ORDER TO GAUGE" U.S. BUT RATHER AS MATTER OF ECONOMIC SURVIVAL AND SAVING COUNTRY FROM BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DISASTER.

2. SENIOR GOJ OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBASSY THAT PM MANLEY'S INITIAL PIQUE AT EBERLE INTERVIEW NOTABLY DIMINISHED

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FOLLOWING EXPLANATION OF TIMING AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF

STAR-NEWS STORY RECEIVED FROM EMBASSY (REF A) AND
SIMILAR INFO RECEIVED FROM JAMAICAN EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON.

3. WHILE GOJ OFFICIALS CONTEND THEY ARE NOT WORRIED
ABOUT TRADE BILL, THEIR QUESTIONS TO EMBASSY ABOUT
LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND DEFINITION OF LANGUAGE IN
PROPOSED BILL REFLECT CONCERN THAT GOJ MAY BE ADVERSELY
AFFECTED. SPECIFICALLY THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
PRECISE DEFINITION OF CARTEL AND WHETHER HOLDING RATE
OF BAUXITE EXTRACTION TO CURRENT LEVEL WOULD BE
CONSIDERED RESTRICTIVE.

4. REFERRING TO ACP-EEC NEGOTIATIONS, PERMSEC MINEXTAFF
TOLD EMBASSY THAT IT LOOKED LIKE GOJ WOULD BE FORCED
INTO GRANTING REVERSE PREFERENCES BUT IN ORDER TO
AVOID CHARGE DISCRIMINATION WOULD EXTEND SAME PREFERENCES
TO OTHER DCS. GERARD

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